aircraft parts. These were confiscated and the matter reported to competent authority. No other incident has come to notice at the Safdarjung Airport.

Discrimination in the service conditions of Air hostesses

2873. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the directive issued by Government *vide* AV 18022/23/88-ACIA dated 16th October, 1989 stipulates that like the male cabin crew the Air hostesses should also be allowed to serve till the age of 58 years; and

(b) if so, whether that directive mean Air hostesses will not be grounded at the age of 45 years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air hostesses in Indian Airlines can perform flying duties till the age of 58 years while in Air India they can undertake flight duties upto the age of 45 years only. The Corporation has taken this decision keeping in mind the long and arduous nature of duties on international flights. However, the issue of ground duties after the age of 45 years in case of Air hostesses of Air India is subjudice.

Review of use of computerised navigation system for A-320 aircraft

2874. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the French Government have recently recommended that airlines using the airbus A-320 should review how they use a computerised navigation system that malfunctioned abroad a jet landing in Bordeaux in France recently as per the news item entitled Faulty Airbus-320 navigation system French Government puts Airlines on Alert, which appeared in the 'Pioneer' dated 14th February, 1992;

(b) whether his Ministry also propose to direct both Air India and Indian Airlines to have a similar review of their Airbus A-320 aircraft;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) On the advice of DGAC, France, DGCA, India has advised Indian Airlines to review operating procedures for VOR and DME to ensure that they satisfy the following critera:—

1. Display of the VOR raw data which is used for flying the approach on one of the two ND (Navigation Display) in ROSE/VOR mode.

2. Display of the navigation track generated by the FMGS on the other ND in ARC or ROSE/NAV mode.

3. Selection on both ND of VOR1 and VOR2 bearings (VOR1 and VOR2 switch on). If an NDB navaid is necessary for performing the approach, it may be displayed on one ND in lieu of one VOR pointer.

Before reaching the MDA and in the absence of appropriate visual ques, the final approach must not be initiated or must be interrupted in the following cases :

- — any difference of bearing between VOR1 and VOR2
- — VOR indication oscillation by more than 1/2 dot
- — cross track error of more than 0.5 NM between VOR course and FMGS computed track.

Use of a selected guidance mode (AP or FD)

(d) Does not arise.

Repairs of A-310 aircraft by Air bus industry of France

2875. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air bus industry of France the manufacturer of Air bus 310 Aircraft have quoted 54,000 dollars for repairs per aircraft following corrosion into the main bulkhead of the aircraft;

(b) wheather it is also a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautic Limited have

quoted Rs. 50,000/- only for the same job; and

(c) whether the Air bus industry had similarly charged very high rates from Air India and Indian Airlines of other repair jobs undertaken earlier and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir, Airbus Industry will supply replacements for pressure panel between Frame 39 and 40 of A-310 aircraft at a cost of $54,000 per panel.

(b) No, Sir. Hindustan Aeronautic Limited has not given quotation.

(c) Airbus Industry provides technical assistance for repairs/modifications to all customer airlines based on standard international rates.

Share of I.T.D.C. Hotels

2876. PROF SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out modalities for certain disinvestment for purchase of shares in I.T.D.C. hotels alongwith their identification;

(b) whether Government propose to sell these shares exclusively to foreign buyers including the N.R.Is;

(c) whether concerned trade unions of I.T.D.C. have not been taken in confidence while working out the modalities;

(d) whether Government have received comprehensive representations from various Unions in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner for which offers have been invited from foreign hotel chains.

(c) to (e) The Government is aware about the concern of Trade Unions of ITDC to safeguard the interest of the workers. Every possible effort will be made in this regard in any arrangement that is finalised.

Star trading house certificates

2877. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to amend star trading house certificates to top exporting firms;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the criteria adopted;

(c) what is the number of trade houses with their performance during last three years; and

(d) what are the details of incentives being offered to star trading houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The new Import and Export Policy effective from 1.4.1992 is being formulated.

(c) Only 9 firms have been given recognition as Star Trading Houses from 1990-91 and 1991-92 whose export performance is as under:—

(Value in Rs. crores)

1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
710.63	1316.90	1420.63

(d) The new Import and Export Policy effective from 1.4.1992 is being formulated.

New packaging regulations by Germany for exporters

2878. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new regulations on packaging materials by Germany stipulates certain norms to be followed by exporters;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether these new regulations will affect India's exports to Germany;

(d) if so, what are the steps taken to export the Indian products as per the new regulations; and

(e) whether the other European